

A
BRIEFE AND
TRVE RELATION

OF THE MVRTHUR

of Mr. THOMAS SCOTT

Preacher of Gods Word and
Bachelor of Diuinitie.

Committed by John Lambert Souldier
of the Garrison of Vtricke, the 18.
of June. 1626.

With his Examination, Confession,
and Execution.



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Mongst many disastrous events
and cruell murtheres which haue
lately happened in these parts,
no one is so lamentable ; as that
which was committed vpon
Sunday last being the 18. of
June, 1626. by one *John Lam-
bert*. His father (hee said) had
beene sometimes Master of a ship, and his mother was a
Gentlewoman, borne in *Warwicksire*, and liued and
died neere *Tower-hill* in *London*, where hee was borne.
Himselfe had beene brought vp with a Merchant of
Wine in *London* ; and for a while was his Factor in
France, where he learned the language perfectly. But
his estate failing him, in the end was forced to betake
him to Armes, and follow the warre. Hee was at this
time aged thirty and sixe yeares, of a tall stature, and
well clothed.

The Murther was in this manner committed.

Master *Scott* who had preached in the forenoone, and
in the afternoone about two of the clocke comming to-
wards *St. Peters Church* to performe the exercise of that

day, was accompanied with his brother Master *William Scott*, (that was come but 7. dayes before out of England to see his brother) and with his Newhew *Thomas Scott*. Master *Scott* comming betwixt them both, & approachinge neere vnto the Churchyard, *Lambert* who had seated himselfe by 12. of the clock at the Churchyard gate to attend his comming, espying him draw nigh, rose vp from his seat, and made towards them, drew his Rapier (which he had purposely sharpe ned) & put in a thrust towards his heart. But his brother perceiving the thrust so neare, which the lappe of his cloake beat it a little downwards: and it entred through a skirt of his doublet, and wastband of his hose into his belly. Whereupon falling downe hee was raised vp againe by his brother, and nephew, betwixt whom he was.

This being done, *Lambert* sought by flight to haue escaped, but he was presently apprehended, & brought backe to Master *Scott*; whotold him he had never offended him, and asked him what reason had moued him to so wicked a fact.

Lambert very audaciously and insolently replied; that what he had done, he would answer; And that he was a Traitor to his Soueraigne, and had injured him by hindring his preferment to the Queene of Bohemia. Master *Scott* replied, I know thee not, God forgive thee and I doe from the bottome of my heart.

The rumor hereof was presently brought into the Church, by the Readers wife coming in with an open exclamation; Whereupon all the people ran forth much amazed and confused, and some of them drawing their swords, would haue slaine *Lambert*. But Mons: *Van Hilton* Secretarie of the States, and others there present perswaded them to put vp their swords, and to let Justice passe vpon him. *Lambert* was presently brought to prison, and Master *Scott*, went himselfe to Mr. *James Nelthorpe* the Chirurgian his house, and all this while

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was of good courage. After his wound was searched he said, Master *James* what thinke you? I hope it will soone be healed; but Master *James* shaked his head, and replied nothing to him, which Master *Scott* perceiuing answered himselfe, Then must I prepare my selfe for God, and for death. And these were the last words hee spake, who was presently caried home in a chaire, vnclothed, laid in his bed, and about one houre after dyed, which was about foure of the clocke in the afternoone.

Lambert all this while made no shew of any sorrow; but most impudently affirmed (as it were triumphingly) That if it were to be done, hee could yet doe it againe; making a fond and vaine shew of hope of deliuerance, which hee perswaded himselfe of, by an apprehension, or rather a Saracall illusion, which had thus blinded & seduced him thereunto. For, after wards very often hee publiquely affirmed vnto all that conferred with him, and more especially to the Commander of the garrison, and the Preacher that went vnto him to stir him vp to repentance: That hee knew they all could not hurt him; For, saith he, my heauens, my Mistris, the spirits of my Soueraigne in the Queene of Bohemia will free me presently. And calling for pen and inke to write vnto her, hee there write something to no purpose, and then the penne and inke was taken from him.

In this blinded and seduced opinion of his owne worth, of that good deed, (as he termed it) and of the iniurie which Master *Scott* had done vnto him, he continued all that next day: adding other circumstances thereunto, how that the resolution to doe this damnable fact, had beeene taken aboue eight weekes before: And that his spirits had vrged and enforced him thereunto. And he confessed that the Sunday before hee had feared himselfe in the same place thinking then to haue killed him; but hee was by an euill spirit caried

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vnto the towne walls, and with that spirit guarded to his lodging where it left him, and that presently after in his lodging he was assaulted by many good spirits, (as he called them) who would give him no ease night nor day, vntill that deed should be performed; and assured him that Master *Scott* alone was the cause of the hinderance of his preferment, and aduancement; And that as soone as he should be slaine, then his aduancement should presently follow.

With these, and many other fond reasons, he hardened himselfe and to the Sergeant Major of the Garison, hee affirmed that the fact was iust, lawfull, according to Gods word, and the law of *Moses*, which by Scripture he would iustifie: For, (saith he) confirme that law of *Lex talionis*, he might recompence one cuill deed with another, as an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, &c; and then he had done but Iustice, for which no law could conuince or condemne him.

In this seduced and blinded obstinacie, he continued till Tuesday at night: For, all the exhortations and admonitions that could be vsed to him could nothing at all preuaile with him. Now the next day after the fact was done, hee being onely examined, and having answered as is aforesaid: his examinations were by the present commander of the garrison (Captaine *William Droumound* Segeant Major of a Scottish Regiment, sent unto *Vienna*, to the Gouvernour, the Baron of *Brederode*, who by poste sent them to the Prince, from whom came answer backe againe vpon the tuesday following to proceed in Iustice against him according as the nature of his fact did require. Which by sharpe examination vpon the racke was effected on Wednesday following.

A little before which time he began to haue some feeling of the fact, and a kind of sorrow for the same; desiring the ayde of the Officers to labour for his release, and

and said to be well contented to offer his right hand for satisfaction for the deed, so that his life might be spared.

And yet even at the very instant of his torture would not bee perwaded but that his heauens, and his Soueraigne (who daily and hourly had termed him one of heauens worthies, and heauens elect, and many the like epithites) would free him, and not suffer him to bee hurt, but found the contrary.

Afterwards he confessed further, that hee intended often to haue acquainted Master *Scott* with these temptations, to haue revealed the same, but considering that by some meanes or other it might be knowne; and for which the souldiers would haue raised iests, & mocked and ieered him therewith, he therefore held his resolution. And moreouer vpon the racke, and afterwards being charged, that he was hired to doe this deed, and desired that he would reveale the truth, who they were that had set him on in this action: Hee very seriously protested, that although he had serued the enemie for the space of three moneths or thereabouts vnder a Scotch Captaine before *Bergen vp Zome* the time of that siege, and afterwards a while in garrison in *Flanders*; yet he himselfe was never any Papist; And that hee was not set on, nor hired, by any Priest, Jesuit or other whatsoeuer; But that the spirit had perwaded him of the iniuries as is aforesaid, and that hee could haue no rest vntill that fact was performed.

He affirmed likewise that hee never misled the hearing of Master *Scotts* Sermons; and that very often hee had heard him preach vnto his good content, with delight and comfort.

The same wednesday was Master *Scott* buried in *Utrecht*, after a very honourable manner, accompanied with all the Ministers, Elders, and Deacons of the severall Congregations, with the Deputies of the States of

the Province, and most of the Magistrates of the towne
in mourning cloakes; with a traine of Burgers, and
the Commanders, Captaines, Officers and Souldiers
of the Garrisons, the like hath not beeene seene, nor
knowne in Utrecht; with a generall lamentation of all
men for the losse of so worthy a man.

The day following, the Councell of Warre assem-
bled to determine the sentence, who there agreed that
the offender should bee Raiebracht, that is, to haue his
bones broken vpon a wheele, and so to be set vp by the
ordinarie place of Iustice; which, when Lambert vnder-
stood, with an earnest desire he intreated that his body
might bee buried. Vpon this his intreatie, that sen-
tence was altered, and it was resolued, that the next day
his right hand should be cut off, and nailed to the gal-
lowes, then he to be hanged, and his dead body to bee
laid vpon a wheele without any buriall.

The same euening the Preacher, and other godly
men being sent vnto him, to giue him warning and to
prepare him for death: They found him as vncapable of
instruction, and as full of his fond and imaginarie con-
ceits as before; Then likewise affirming that his Sou-
raigne, who daily and hourly appeared vnto him as the
spirit of the late Queene Elizabeth in the Queene of
Bohemia, the spirit of his Soueraigne King James, and
of his Excellency the late Prince of Orange; by whom
he was intituled one of Heauens Worthies, Heauens
Elect,&c. And from these vaine fantasies he could not
bee brought neither by threatening of his temporall
death, nor of his soules damnation hereafter. Hee
continued in this obstinacie, and obduratenesse,
notwithstan ding whatsoeuer promises, or threat-
nings could bee spoken vnto him concerning his salua-
tion or damnation. In all other discourses, whereof
there were sundry both in English and in good French,

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he was very sensible, able enough, & prompt, and held
a good formalitie therein, to the admiration of many
that were sent and heard him.

At the place of execution there was no alteration in
him, His right hand was first cut off, and nailed to the
gallowes; And after that the Preacher had exhorted
him, and prayed with him, he was hanged. And very
seldome hath it beeene scene that a man should liue so
long as he did hanging, though the Executio-
ner did the best he could to helpe to
rid him out of his paine.

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Stilo veteri.

Such is hells rage against Gods sonnes, Gods Saints,
Such good mens wrongs; such are their paines and plaints
Whilst they liue here; Such wicked mens despight
Against Gods Word, that Word of power and might;
They ioyne with hell their bodies here to slay,
Who ioyne with God to save their soules for aye.
They stop their breath who pray to Gods good Spirit,
To breath into their soules Christis sauing merit.
With swards deviding their two darling twinnes,
Who with Gods Word divide their soules and finnes:
Witnesse this corps, this sacrificed Saint,
Whom none of crime, none could of wrong attaint.
Tct on Gods day vpon Gods Word attending,
By cursed hands his blessed daies had ending.

Another.

Mans life's a warfare, wayfare. Ah good man
 I bounfondst it true; Thy words, thy wrisings can
 Witnesse to all, inflamed with true Zeale
 To God, to Church, to King, to Commonweale,
 Armed with valor, to thine eternall praise
 Thou warr'dst against the monsters of our daies;
 Oppos'd great gyants sinnes, great sinners hence
 Warr'd against thee, and wronged thy innocence.
 From Warre to wayfare thou did'st runne thy race
 In warlike lands disposing time and place,
 To Gods great glory, and the Churches good,
 Till hell. sb hands exhausted thy hearts blood.
 Well, i'was Gods will who had decreed it best
 To call thee from thy labor to his rest.
 Then farewel father, mounted from mortall eyne,
 Such was thy life, I wish my soule with thine.

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him into his chamber, and consideringe with himselfe why he was not enterred in his Maiesties service, a spirit suggetted to him, that M. Scott hindred him, and vntill such time as the said M. Scott was killed, he shold not bee entertained into his Maiesties service. Whereupon, he was resolued to kill him; He confessed also that he was never hired or induced, by the perswasions of any Priest, Jesuit, or any other person to attempt this shrowdlyall. He was twice racked & whip-ped on the racke; At which time of his racking and whip-ping, And at other times of his priuate and publike exami-nations, yea euen to his death, he continued in his fore-said confession, avouching and solemnely protesting, on his hope of saluation, the naked & whole truth of his laid con-fession. That this was the summe and substance of his con-fession, we whose names are hereunder written, doe faith-fully and in the word of truth, sincerely witness & testifie.

BISHOP OF UTRICHT

Jeremiah Elbrough *Pastor of
the English Church at Utrecht,
who was present at his Confession
upon the racke, and at his death.*

*I whose name is here underwrit-
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